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SUBJ: COMMITTEE OF 24 CONSIDERATION OF PUERTO RICO

REF: STATE 153477

- 1. AMBASSADOR FOLLOWED UP GENERAL APPROACH ON PUERTO RICO MADE TO FOREIGN MINISTER JUNE 17 (BAMAKO 2595) BY RAISING MATTER WITH SECRETARY GENERAL SEYDOU TRA DE JULY 20. FRENCH TEXT OF TALKING POINTS CONTAINED REFTEL WAS USED.
- 2. SECRETARY GENERAL RESPONDED THAT, AS FOREIGN MINISTER HAD SAID IN EARLIER MEETING, MALI CONSIDERED THE STATUS OF PUERTO RICO TO BE A QUESTION FOR THE PUERTO RICAN PEOPLE THEMSELVES.
- 3. ASKED HOW THAT WOULD TRANSLATE INTO ACTION IN NEW YORK, HE SAID HE WOULD SPEAK TO HIS MINISTER WITH THE INTENT TO WORK FOR A SOLUTION NOT REQUIRING A VOTE.
- 4. AMBASSADOR UNDERLINED THAT MALI'S POSITIONS AND VOTES ON PUERTO RICO WERE IMPORTANT TO U.S.-MALIAN BILATERAL RELATIONS. SECRETARY GENERAL ACKNOWLEDGED CONFIDENTIAL

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THE POINT AND REPEATED THAT MALI WOULD SEEK MEANS TO AVOID ANY CONFRONTATION ON THE ISSUE.

5. IN THE COURSE OF THE CONVERSATION, SEYDOU TRAORE REMARKED THAT MALI DID NOT USE ABSENCE AS A VOTING TECHNIQUES. IN LARGER CONFERENCES MALI MIGHT AT TIMES NOT BE PRESENT ON CERTAIN COMMITTEES OWING TO STAFF

SHORTAGES, BUT IT WAS NEVER DELIBERATELY ABSENT TO)
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